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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

On the cover page, Foreign Patent Documents, reference GB 0223790 A, please delete the date "0/1910" and insert the date --08/1910--

In the Abstract, line three, after linkage is and before or an outdrive, please insert --coupled to a rudder--

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or right along its longitudinal axis, ~~or in other words, via a translational movement,~~ thereby moving the rudder(s) left or right.

In the ABSTRACT

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- On line 2, after "coupled to a rudder", -- **or an outdrive** -- has been inserted.
  - On line 3, after "When the rudder", -- **or an outdrive** -- has been inserted.

(B) In the CLAIMS

Claim 1 is canceled.


In Claims 2-7

- In claim 2 (line 1), after "apparatus of", "**claim 1**" has been changed to -- **claim 18** --.
- In claim 3 (line 1), after "apparatus of", "**claim 1**" has been changed to -- **claim 18** --.
- In claim 4 (line 1), after "apparatus of", "**claim 1**" has been changed to -- **claim 18** --.
- In claim 5 (line 1), after "apparatus of", "**claim 1**" has been changed to -- **claim 18** --.
- In claim 6 (line 1), after "apparatus of", "**claim 1**" has been changed to -- **claim 18** --.
- In claim 7 (line 1), after "apparatus of", "**claim 1**" has been changed to -- **claim 18** --.

Claim 8 is canceled

In Claim 9

On line 1, after "apparatus of", "**claim 8**" has been changed to -- **claim 19** --.

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